

Louisiana Timber Production and Resources

Overview*

Louisiana's forest lands cover 14 million acres -- about 50 percent of the state's land area -- the state's single greatest land use. Fifty-nine of the state's 64 parishes contain land capable of producing sufficient timber to support forest-industry activities as well as provide wildlife habitat, recreational opportunity, scenic beauty and other environmental benefits. There are 148,000 owners of Louisiana forest land. Private non-industrial landowners own 81 percent of the state's forest land; forest-products industries own ten percent and the public owns nine percent. In 2008, forestry accounted for 53 percent of the gross farm value of all plant commodities grown in Louisiana. Forestry contributes 35 percent of the gross farm value of Louisiana's combined plant and animal agricultural commodities.

* Prepared annually by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry from multiple sources.

Louisiana Saw Timber, Pulpwood and Chip-n-Saw Harvested, 1994 - 2008

Year	Saw Timber Harvested		Pulpwood Harvested		Chip-n-Saw Harvested
	Pine	Hardwood	Pine	Hardwood	Pine
	-----1,000 board feet-----		-----1,000 standard cords-----		1,000 standard cords
1994	1,298,784	215,371	3,789	1,992	307
1995	1,265,872	206,197	3,711	1,855	453
1996	1,165,814	211,439	3,793	1,666	376
1997	1,230,898	193,861	3,630	1,604	387
1998	1,153,231	219,908	3,769	1,549	631
1999	1,148,459	191,086	3,731	1,677	842
2000	1,122,673	189,698	3,669	1,551	846
2001	984,603	171,016	3,512	1,403	898
2002	1,006,167	148,184	3,568	1,379	853
2003	1,071,031	195,152	4,182	1,563	993
2004	1,059,954	161,371	3,962	1,274	1,102
2005	1,015,090	169,740	3,942	1,401	1,144
2006	1,194,647	181,941	4,610	1,435	985
2007	985,603	171,016	3,512	1,403	898
2008	778,495	129,981	4,723	1,133	751

SOURCE: Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry.